

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By this amendment, claims 5 and 6 are amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1 and 3 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2 and 4-7 are pending in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 2, 4 and 7 are allowed.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by Seymour et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,485,134, hereinafter "Seymour").

Claims 5 and 6 are amended to depend from allowed claim 2. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are patentable at least because of their dependency.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

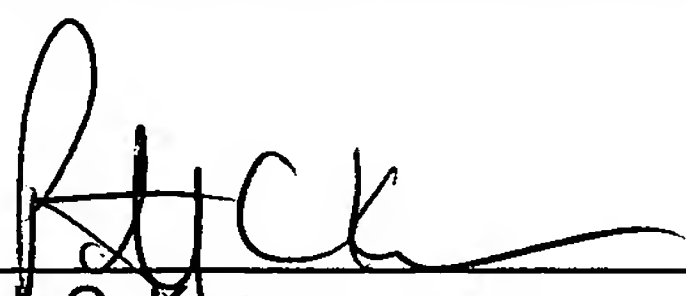
In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of present application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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